

REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure stands objected to with the Examiner requiring two changes in line 1. The amended Abstract above includes these corrections.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for absence of appropriate section headings. However, applicants respectfully submit that the appropriate headings are included in the specification as filed.

The Examiner has also objected to the improper use of the word "forth" in several places in the specification. The word has been changed to --fourth-- as required. In addition, the paragraph at line 11 on page 8 has also been amended to correct improper phrasing.

The Examiner has requested amendment of drawing Fig. 10 to add the legend --PRIOR ART --. However, applicants respectfully submit that Figs. 11 and 12 are properly showings of prior art, and not Fig. 10. Substitute sheets including correction of Figs. 11 and 12 to designate them as showing prior art are enclosed herewith.

The above amended claims include the changes identified in the Claim Objections on page 3-5 of the Ex parte Quayle action dated December 2, 2004, except as will be noted below.

In claim 5, line 5, "via" has been changed to --with--.

In claim 6, lines 4 and 7, the phrase "radially inner end portion" (of the base portion 32) is believed to be proper. This inner end portion is deformed in the compressing or swaging operation to form the "fit-in portion" (36). The inner end portion of the base portion 32 is described in the specification in line 2 and line 8 on page 14.

In claim 8, line 5, "thereof" has been replaced with --of the corrugated metal tube--, instead of "of the hose body" as set forth in the Examiner's "claim objections". It is actually the corrugated metal tube (appearing in line 4) to which "thereof" is referring.

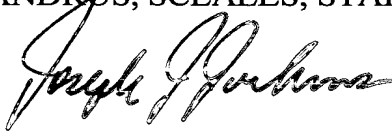
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In lines 20-21 of claim 8, the phrase found to be awkward and confusing has been rewritten to read --and bearing against the outside of the extending portion of the corrugated metal tube--.

All other corrections defiled in the Examiner's claim objections have been made as required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include additions to Figs. 11 and 12. These sheets replace the original drawings sheets including Figs. 11 and 12.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet